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Expansion of Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has expanded/proposes to expand several airports in the country particularly Jaipur airports recently and also provided/proposes to provide the facility for landing of big planes like Boeing-787, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated and spent by the Government for expansion of airports in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of steps taken by the Government to connect Dhanbad, Giridih and Bokaro of Jharkhand State with air services and to expand airports in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has prescribed any norms for the expansion and upgradation of international airports in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
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(a) & (b) : Upgradation/Expansion of Airports is a continuous process which is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, traffic demand, technical feasibility etc. The details of funds allocated and spent by AAI for expansion/upgradation of airports during the last three years
and the current year are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c): The draft National Civil Aviation Policy 2015 envisages implementation of Regional connectivity scheme with affordable fare by way of revival of unused and under-served aerodromes/airstrips and by viability gap funding for airline operators etc. to meet the demands of increasing traffic and to avoid air congestion.

(d): Expansion and upgradation of airports to international standards depends upon various factors including traffic potential, demand from airlines for operation of international flights as well as availability of requisite facilities like adequate runway length to cater to medium capacity long-range aircraft or equivalent type of aircraft, scope for
extension of runway as per future requirements,commercial viability, etc.